

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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### Attachments:

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## Smart Parking Meters

### Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of single space smart parking meters, by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract renewal with IPS Group, Inc. for Smart Parking Meters and Wireless Data Services for the term of two years,**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved, and**
- D. Authorize the City Manager to purchase such additional software licenses, services, hardware, maintenance, and support as required to maintain the system for as long as the city uses the system.**

### Staff Resource(s):

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### Sole Source Exemption

- G.S. 143-129(e)(6) provides that formal bidding requirements do not apply when:
  - Performance or price competition are not available;
  - A needed product is available from only one source or supply; or
  - Standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.
- Sole sourcing is necessary for this contract because standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.
- City Council approval is required for purchases made under the sole source exception.

### Explanation

- The Park It Program provides short-term, on-street parking for residents and tourists to easily access Uptown Charlotte and South End restaurants and businesses. There are 1,427 metered spaces in the city; 410 use an older coins-only meter, 699 use an older model of smart meters, and 318 use pay stations.
- Over the next two years, the vendor will replace all 410 of the coin-only meters and replace approximately 550 smart meters that are reaching the end of their projected life.

- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$135,000.
- Replacing outdated meters will increase revenues by decreasing the amount of down-time required to repair malfunctions and will provide customers with multiple payment options for all metered spaces.

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This is a sole source contract and is exempt (Part A: Appendix 1.27 of the Charlotte Business INClusion Policy).

**Fiscal Note**

Funding: General Capital Investment Plan